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TO: To All Kentucky Licensed Home Inspectors and KBHI Approved Education Providers

FROM: Kentucky Board of Home Inspectors (KBHI)  
In Cooperation with the OHBC Electrical Advisory Committee

DATE: December 3, 2007

SUBJECT: **Federal Pacific Electrical (FPE) Panels and Breakers**

- There is no current documentation from any source that states the FPE panels and breakers are a hazard to life and property solely because of the name of the manufacturer. To assume so without current documentation is incorrect and irresponsible.
- To require or recommend the removal of FPE panels and breakers solely on the basis of the manufacturer's name and without visual evidence of a specific hazard is irresponsible and could cause the homeowner undue financial hardship.
- If a visual inspection of the interior of the panel or breakers indicates arcing or extreme heat then the licensed home inspector should most certainly recommend further evaluation by a Kentucky licensed electrician.
- The Kentucky licensed electrician is the only authority to determine the appropriate action.
- To assume all FPE devices are unsafe and a fire hazard without current evaluation by a Kentucky licensed electrician is not within the scope of a home inspection.
- **ALL KENTUCKY HOME INSPECTOR LICENSEES SHALL REVIEW THEIR INSPECTION REPORTS FOR COMPLIANCE WITH THIS ADVISORY BULLETIN.**

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